

New law revises prior law provisions concerning filing documents with the secretary of state. New law allows the secretary of state to accept filings by electronic or facsimile transmissions. Requires such transmissions to include an electronic or digital signature and defines and provides for the use of each. Provides that documents required to be filed with the secretary of state are deemed filed when received either physically or electronically at any office designated by the secretary of state for the receipt of such documents. Deletes prior law references and requirements of filing multiple originals or copies.

Existing law provides certain requirements for corporate names and the reservation of names. New law retains existing law and in addition prohibits a corporate name from implying that the corporation is an administrative agency of any parish, the state, or the United States. Existing law provides certain requirements for the name of a limited liability company. New law retains existing law and in addition prohibits a limited liability company name from implying that the company is an administrative agency of any parish, the state, or the United States.

New law requires that if a manager or managers is listed in the articles of organization, a municipal address must be listed for each manager, not just a post office box.

Prior law required a copy of the articles of incorporation of an insurance company, showing the approval of the commissioner of insurance, to be filed with the secretary of state. New law changes prior law to require that a designation and appointment of the secretary of state as agent for service of process be filed with the secretary of state. Prior law provided for the collection of fees by the secretary of state for the filing of a charter, power of attorney, and for providing certified copies of documents related to insurance companies. New law changes prior law to allow the secretary of state to charge a fee for filing the power of attorney relative to insurance companies.

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